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Environmental Law Division

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Cynthia Brown, Removal Enforcement Coordinator Superfund Enforcement Assessment Section (6SF-TE) U.S. EPA, Region 6 1455 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Request for Delay in Section 104(e) Response - Camp Minden, LA

Dear Ms. Brown:

The purpose of this letter is to request a delay in responding to the EPA's 104(e) request for information concerning the site/facility located at 1600 Java Road, Minden, Webster Parrish, Louisiana. The attached 104(e) request is dated May 10, 2013.

Our office, consisting of six military and three civilian attorneys, handles all environmental litigation for the Army. We will be responsible for answering the above referenced 104(e) request. In order to retrieve and compile the various documents requested, we will need an extension of time to respond. In addition, four of our military environmental litigation attorneys will be changing duty assignments this summer and another is in military school until August 2013. Of our three civilian attorneys, one is deploying to Afghanistan and the other two will likely be subjected to a furlough. Finally, we are responsible for several cases that are nearing their discovery deadlines and require extensive time to complete. In short, due to personnel issues and need to gather documents to properly answer the 104(e) request, we will need a delay until August 15, 2013 to provide a response.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-614-3897 or Anthony.Febbo@us.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Anthony T. Febbo Colonel, U.S. Army

Chief, Environmental Litigation Branch

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